

January 22, 2012

Epiphany Three

LITURGIST/PREACHER

Pastor William Brassow

ORGANIST

Mrs. Janna Needham

SERVICE NOTES

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m./6:30 p.m.

Order of service

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Hymns

82, 445, 473

82, 445, (309, 312, 473)

Psalm

sung by the SPL Chorus

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is celebrated in the 10:30 a.m. (IC) and 6:30 p.m. (IC) services this weekend, and in the 8:00 a.m. (IC) service next Sunday. Members should register by card; visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before planning to participate.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 569

Last Year: 650

SERMON TEXT: Romans 12:9-10

THEME: Love Must Be Sincere

- 1) **God's heart only has sincere love for us**
- 2) **God's word only allows sincere love from us**

ALTAR FLOWERS

On this Sanctity of Life Sunday, the altar flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for his unending love to babies, children, mothers, fathers and families. May they also remind us all that a human life is a sacred gift from a loving God to be cherished by all.

HOSPITALIZED

Covenant/Harrison: Muriel Schmiege; Covenant/Cooper: Gertrude Cooper and Susan Post; Covenant/Michigan: Gerald Loesel.

THANK YOU LETTERS

We have received a number of thank you letters from those organizations and groups that received gifts each year from our Benevolence Fund. The letters are posted in the church basement.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to stop in the church basement to pick up the 2012 offering envelopes for you and your family!

M.O.M.S.

The M.O.M.S. group meets this Tuesday, Jan. 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for a meal.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir will meet to rehearse at the Parish Center on Thursdays from now until Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we will resume rehearsals at church following the late Lenten service.

CORNERSTONE STAFF

Our volunteers meet this Thursday, January 26th, at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria to ready our February newsletter for mailing.

HELPING OUT

Pastor Otto is conducting services at the congregations in Beaverton and Gladwin this Sunday.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

Yes, it is time to make reservations for the 2012 Church Campout! Please note that this year's dates are June 21-24, 2012 at Rifle River. The dates in the last church newsletter were incorrect.

CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES ANNUAL MEETING

Christian Life Resources of Saginaw and Flint will hold its annual meeting at our Parish Center on Sunday, January 29th, at 3:00 p.m. The keynote presentation will be by Mollie Schweppe, Right to Life of Michigan Public Affairs Associate, reviewing the latest pro-life activity at the State Capitol. The meeting will include reports on the Saginaw and Flint Centers and the election of board members. A potluck will be served at 5:00 p.m.

MLS FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION

This year's Foundation Dinner and Auction is set for Sunday, February 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Sullivan's Black Forest Restaurant in Frankenmuth. Tickets are \$30 per person, and \$10 of that ticket price is a direct donation to the Foundation. Attendance is limited to 200, so get your reservation in early by calling 793-7511. They are also looking for donations for the Silent Auction. Please contact the Foundation office for more information.

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, you can register online for the March 16th-18th retreat at www.tcwr.org.

Our Thank- Offerings	ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY	SYNOD MINISTRY	PIF
Weekly Budget Offering 1/15/2012			
Budget YTD Offerings YTD			
% YTD Budget	81%	96%	67%

This Week at St. Paul's

<i>Sunday, January 22nd</i>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	12:00 p.m.	PSCC at church
<i>Monday, January 23rd</i>	6:30 p.m.	Worship (IC)
<i>Tuesday, January 24th</i>	6:00 p.m.	M.O.M.S.
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball Open Gym
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 25th</i>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	4:30 p.m.	Basketball vs. St. Peter
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<i>Thursday, January 26^h</i>	9:30 a.m.	Cornerstone Staff
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Choir <u>at the Parish Center</u>
<i>Friday, January 27th</i>	6:00 p.m.	Basketball vs. Holy Cross

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 15:22-27

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" ²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. ²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Epistle Lesson/Sermon Text

Romans 12:6-16a

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. ⁹ *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.* ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon Text

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ This, the first of his

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